

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE: SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P., AND LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC | DOCKET NOS. SPU-02-11 SPU-02-13 |
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**ORDER GRANTING AND DENYING MOTION TO REVISE
PROCEDURAL ORDER AND GRANTING INTERVENTION**

(Issued January 3, 2003)

On August 19, 2002, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order docketing these two appeals from decisions of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, consolidating them for hearing, and setting a procedural schedule. The schedule has since been revised, most recently by order issued October 28, 2002.

On November 21, 2002, Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3), filed a motion to revise the Board's October 28, 2002, order by striking the provisions in that order that allow for surrebuttal testimony by interveners or, in the alternative, allowing Level 3 an opportunity to file counter-surrebuttal. On November 26, 2002, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a response to Level 3's motion, resisting the motion to strike and stating that Qwest does not oppose the motion for counter-surrebuttal testimony, so long as the testimony is limited to issues raised in the surrebuttal testimony. Level 3 has not filed any reply.

On December 18, 2002, the Iowa Telecommunications Association (ITA) filed a petition to intervene in this docket, saying the ITA on behalf of its member

companies has a particular interest in the subject matter of this proceeding, that its intervention will not expand the issues in this proceeding or affect the procedural schedule, and that ITA does not expect to offer a witness but will participate through cross-examination and briefing. No response to ITA's petition has been filed.

The Board will grant Level 3's unopposed alternative motion for counter-surrebuttal testimony and ITA's unopposed petition to intervene. Level 3's motion to revise the Board's prior procedural order by striking the provisions related to surrebuttal testimony will be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The procedural schedule in this docket is modified as follows: Level 3 Communications, LLC, Sprint Communications Company L.P., and any intervenors aligned with their interests may file counter-surrebuttal testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, limited to issues raised in the surrebuttal testimony, on or before January 13, 2003.

2. The petition to intervene filed by the Iowa Telecommunications Association on December 18, 2002, is granted.

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/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson
Executive Secretary, Deputy

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 3rd day of January, 2003.